

ALNWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR, 1945.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1945 is again in the nature of a brief interim report.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The Area of the District remains the same at 4,778 acres.
 The number of inhabited homes is 2055.
 The Rateable Value is £41,048.
 The sum represented by a 1d. Rate is £164.
 The population is estimated at 6641 and this figure is taken as a basis in calculating the birth and death rates.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The number of births in the district - corrected for inward and outward transfers - was 122 of which 73 were males and 49 Females, 11 of the births were illegitimate. There were five still births.

Birth Rate, 1945-	18.4
" " 1944	17.2
" " 1943	15.3
" "(England & Wales), 1945 -	16.5

The number of deaths - corrected for inward and outward transfers - was 91, of which 43 were males and 48 females.

Death Rate, 1945	13.7
" " 1944	13.2
" " 1943	12.4
" "(England & Wales), 1945 -	11.4

The number of deaths in infants under one year of age was 9, of which two were illegitimate.

Infantile Death Rate, 1945	74.6 per thousand births.
" " " 1944	35.7
" " " 1943	46.7
" "(England & Wales) 1945	46

Causes of Death at all Ages.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	Infantile Diarrhoea	1
Cancer	13	Appendicitis	1
Heart Diseases	28	Nephritis	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	20	Premature Birth	1
Pneumonia	4	Suicide	1
Bronchitis	1	Road Traffic Accidents	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	4	Other violent causes	4
		All other causes	4

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of Infectious Diseases (excluding tuberculosis) notified during the year was 11, made up as follows:-

Diphtheria	5	Scarlet Fever	2
Chicken-Pox	2	Malaria	1 (recurrence in military case).
Cerebro-spinal fever	1 (Military case).		

Two of the cases of Diphtheria had not previously been immunised, and all were of a mild character. The Fever Hospital admitted four cases of Diphtheria from the Urban District and 36 cases of infectious Disease were from the Rural District.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Ninety-four children completed the full course of immunisation during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Eleven cases of Pulmonary and one of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

WATER SUPPLY.

Schemes for the improvement of the Water Supply to the area are under consideration. It is anticipated that agreement to proceed with a new scheme will be received in 1946.

SEWERAGE.

Consulting Engineers have been appointed to prepare a scheme for the reconstruction of the Sewage Works, and the Engineers are making good progress.

HOUSING.

Considerable progress has been made with the preparation of schemes for Post War Housing. The shortage of houses is acute.

DIS-INFESTATION.

All complaints of rat infestations have been attended to and a fair amount of work carried out in the clearance of sewers. More personnel are being trained in this work, and a complete scheme for the area is to be carried out in 1946.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

